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VDHR Reconnaissance Survey Form

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES  
PROPERTY SURVEY FORM  
RECONNAISSANCE LEVEL

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

VDHR File # ~~104-0226-000~~  
104-0249

Property Name:  
Historic Patton Mansion

NR Property Category: Building  
Wuzit: Bank

Tax Code: Section Parcel  
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County/City: Charlottesville (City)

USGS Map: USGS Quad: Charlottesville East

ADDRESS/LOCATION INFORMATION

Address: 1022 West Main Street

Location:

Vicinity of: Municipality: ZIP: 22903

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

Property Boundaries:  
Ownership: Private

RESOURCE COUNT -

#	Category	Contributing?
1	Building	Contributing

TOTAL: 1

Contrib: 1  
Non-Contrib: 0

WUZIT COUNT -

#	Wuzit	Contributing?
1	House	Contributing

TOTAL: 1

Contrib: 1  
Non-Contrib: 0

# RESOURCE - GENERAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

## Resource Level:

Estimated Construction Date: 1907

Source of Date: Tax Records

Physical Status: Existing

Condition: Excellent

Threat: None Known

Degree of Historic Integrity:

Association:

Design:

Feeling:

Location:

Materials:

Setting:

Workmanship:

## PRIMARY RESOURCE RECONNAISSANCE DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style/Derivative: Classical Revival (Jeffersonian)

# of Stories: 2.0 # of Bays Wide: 5 # of Bays Deep: 2

Arch Config: Geo Config:

Footprint:

Component	#	Form/Treatment	Material	Matr'l Treatment
Chimneys		Interior End	Brick	Corbelled cap
Dormer		Hipped	slate/wood	
Foundation			Brick	
Portico		Full-ht.w/pediment	Wood	Tuscan
Roof		Hipped	Slate	
Windows		triple-hung sash	Wood	6-over-6-over-6
Windows		double-hung sash	Wood	6-over-6

## Brief Architectural Description of Primary Resource:

The Patton Mansion is a two-story, five-bay, double pile house on a low foundation with a full-height Tuscan portico covering the center three bays of the facade. It is brick veneered in Flemish bond on the facade and stretcher bond elsewhere, and it has a slate hip roof with projecting eaves. An entablature with triglyphs and dentil moulding extends around the entire building and the portico. A hip-roofed dormer with slate-covered walls and two 4-light attic casement windows are centered on the rear elevation. Windows at the first level of the facade are triple-sash, 6-over-6-over-6 light. Other windows are double-sash, 6-over-6 light. All have architrave trim. Those at the second level are much shorter, and those on the facade have louvered shutters. There is a thermal windows in the pediment. The portico has a brick floor at ground level. The original entrance door and sidelights have been replaced

with modern double doors, but the rectangular leaded fanlight remains. There is a small hanging balcony with Chinese Chippendale balustrade above the entrance. Access is by a pair of doors in the center bay at the second level.

A single interior end chimney with corbelled cap serves corner fireplaces in the rooms on the east side of the house. The interior has been completely remodeled and most of the partitions have been removed.

#### Brief Architectural Description of Additions and Alterations

The interior has been completely remodelled and most of the partitions have been removed.

#### Brief Architectural Description of Secondary Resources:

Potentially Contributes to Historic District:

Potentially Associated with NR Multiple Property:

#### Architectural and Historical Summary:

##### HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

This house is often confused with the Fitch-Patton House which was built in the 1850s and razed a century later in the 1950s. It stood just to the west of this house on the present parking lot. When John Jordan subdivided a five-acre tract on the south side of the "road from Charlottesville to the University" in 1852, Mary Fitch purchased two 100-foot lots (ACDB 53-5). She built a two-storey brick house on the western lot, and at her death in 1868, she willed both lots to her grand niece Pauline S. Patton (ACWB 28-99). Miss Patton wrote her will in 1882, leaving the property to her nephew John S. Patton, who was later librarian at the University (City WB 1-397). It was probably he who built this brick house in 1907, though he did not receive title to it until his aunt's death in 1915. He apparently lived in this newer house, and his daughter Evelyn and her husband Judge J. Callan Brooks lived in the older house. Theodore R. and Ethel W. Wood bought this newer house from the Patton estate in 1943 (City DB 138-445) and conducted an antique shop there. E. L. Bailey bought it from the Woods in 1953 (DB 173-327) and sold it to The Citizen's Corporation in 1958 (DB 208-170). It was completely remodeled in 1953-54 and has housed a branch of the Citizens Bank (now Central Fidelity Bank) since 1954. R. Neil and Helen Hevener purchased it in 1976 (DB 376-170).

1993: Robert D. and Marilyn C. Brugh purchased the building in 1984 (DB 447-748).

Additional References: City WB 3-464, 4-3.

##### SIGNIFICANCE & RELATION TO EVALUATION CRITERIA

Built in 1907, the Patton Mansion is an impressive example of the Jeffersonian Revival Style. It is listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places as a part of the Charlottesville Multiple Resource Area. The Patton Mansion was the home of John S. Patton, Librarian at the University. Despite the popularity of the Jeffersonian Revival in the Charlottesville area, its use is mainly in churches and other public buildings. Houses of this size are rare. Built in 1907, the Patton Mansion is a landmark along West Main Street, where it contributes to the varied

streetscape, which exhibits a range of significant buildings from Federal through Victorian and Colonial to Art Deco.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Type of Record	Citation
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City Records  
Charlottesville City Deed Books and Will Books

County Records  
Albemarle County Deed Books and Will Books

Map  
Sanborn Map Company

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC/DRAWINGS DOCUMENTATION

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MISSING DATA ELEMENT

Media	VDHR Neg #	Frames	Date
B&W 35mm photos	13469	20 - 23	1/ /1994

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#### CRM MANAGEMENT EVENTS

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MISSING DATA ELEMENT

CRM Event	Agency/Organization	Date
Survey	Community Development-Bibb/Huppert	/ /1980
IPS data entry-PAVA (Smead)		

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